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Report of the Human Rights Council

Report of the Third Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2018, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled "Report of the Human Rights Council" and to allocate it to both the plenary and the Third Committee, in accordance with its resolution 65/281.

2. The Third Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 43rd meeting, on 2 November 2018, and considered a proposal and took action on the item at its 46th meeting, on 13 November. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Human Rights Council on its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth special sessions and its thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions (A/73/53) and on its thirty-ninth session (A/73/53/Add.1).

4. At the 43rd meeting, on 2 November, the President of the Human Rights Council made a statement and engaged in a dialogue with the representatives of Yemen, Brazil, Spain, Germany, Chile, Hungary, Japan, the United States of America, the European Union, Cuba, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Latvia, the Republic of Korea, Ireland, Guatemala and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the observer of the State of Palestine.

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.56

5. At its 46th meeting, on 13 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Human Rights Council" (A/C.3/73/L.56), submitted

[1] A/C.3/73/SR.43 and A/C.3/73/SR.46.

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by Mozambique on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of African States.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of the Comoros, on behalf of the Group of African States, made a statement.

7. Subsequently, Ecuador and the Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

8. Also at the 46th meeting, the representatives of Liechtenstein (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, Iceland and New Zealand), the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Eritrea, Burundi and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements.

9. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.56, by a recorded vote of 111 to 3, with 65 abstentions (see para. 11). The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Belarus, Israel, Myanmar.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan.

10. Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Israel, and statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Belarus and Austria (on behalf of the European Union). After the vote, the United States, Myanmar, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Costa Rica made statements in explanation of vote.

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

11. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Report of the Human Rights Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 60/251 of 15 March 2006, by which it established the Human Rights Council, and 65/281 of 17 June 2011 on the review of the Council,

Recalling also its resolutions 62/219 of 22 December 2007, 63/160 of 18 December 2008, 64/143 of 18 December 2009, 65/195 of 21 December 2010, 66/136 of 19 December 2011, 67/151 of 20 December 2012, 68/144 of 18 December 2013, 69/155 of 18 December 2014, 70/136 of 17 December 2015, 71/174 of 19 December 2016 and 72/153 of 19 December 2017,

Having considered the recommendations contained in the report of the Human Rights Council,[1,2]

Takes note of the report of the Human Rights Council,[1] including the addendum thereto,[2] and its recommendations.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/73/53).
[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 53A* (A/73/53/Add.1).